

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Appln of: Nissov et al. Atty Docket: 1021/TCM161
Title: Raman Assisted EDFA System and Method
Serial No.: 09/991,126 Art Unit: 2633
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Customer No. 32047 Confirmation No.: 5214

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Sir:

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.116

This is in response to the Final Office Action in this case mailed January 24, 2006. A petition for a one-month extension of time is enclosed for extending the shortened statutory period for reply from April 24, 2006 to May 24, 2006. No other extension of time is believed to be required. However, Applicants conditionally petition for an extension of time to provide for the possibility that the need for such a petition has been inadvertently overlooked. As provided below, please charge Deposit Account No. 50-2121 for any required fee.

Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 4 of this paper and include attached replacement sheets.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including three replacement sheets of drawing figures is attached.

OK to enter.

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